



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: There are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss or difference. More than 500 people in the United States lose a limb each day, and 1,000 babies are born each year with congenital limb difference; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss, followed closely by trauma. However, studies show up to 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and
- WHEREAS: The number of amputations per day will likely double by 2050 without an increase in public awareness and the implementation of certain measures. For this reason, organizations and citizens across the state are working to highlight key prevention initiatives related to potential limb loss and to prevent an increase in the number of amputations. Appropriate access to care for those affected by limb loss is vital in helping these individuals to live independently and reach their potential; and
- WHEREAS: This month, we encourage those affected by limb loss and limb difference to live full and productive lives. Citizens are also encouraged to learn about issues affecting people with limb loss, express gratitude to caregivers, and salute combat and veteran amputees who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement; and
- WHEREAS: The Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, support, and advocacy through the Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss and congenital limb difference, their families, and health care providers; and
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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